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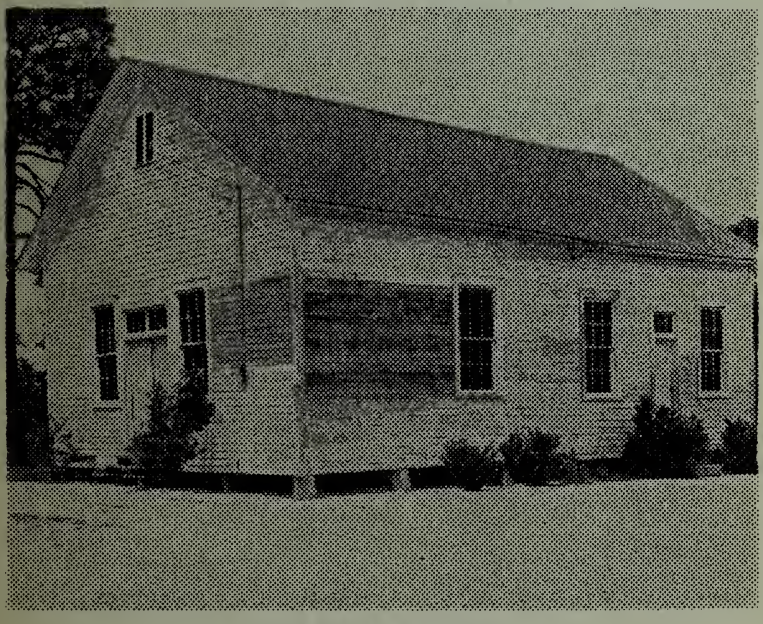

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In a situation such as this it is inconceivable that a modern Sunday School with its emphasis on individual instruction can be adequately carried out. Teachers raise their voices to be heard and then their colleagues either follow by increasing their volume or else they are drowned out in the confusion of noise. All of this leads to a conglomeration which is not at all in keeping with a worshipful atmosphere or conducive to concentrated study of Christian ideals and principles. In order to conduct a well rounded program of christian education, each class must have a private room where teacher and students will be unmolested by irrelevant movements and sounds.

Realizing the great need for a new and fully equipped church edifice the membership and friends of Marcus Church have steadfastly set their collective face forward and are advancing toward their ultimate goal. As one member energetically expressed to the pastor a few days ago: "We must have a new church and we will have it!"

Many sacrifices have already been made, but this is somewhat early to speak of sacrifice, for the long road ahead will be characterized by hard work, unselfish giving, and fervent prayer. Let us not forget that our goal is not just a new church building, but rather an adequately-equipped church edifice in which God can work for the salvation of His people in the Marcus community, and irradiating from this community, influence all parts of the world.

There is a task for every member; there is a burden for each to carry! Let us press forward, prayerfully united and unconquerable, until the last brick has been laid and the last nail has been driven. Then our immediate goal will have been reached, and victory will be ours.

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Many sacrifices were made to realize the new church edifice, but particular mention should go to the late J. S. Swink for his manual and material help which he unselfishly gave in the actual construction of the building.

The church has been served by the following ministers: N. L. Seabolt, Mr. Parker, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Biggs, A. S. Parker, W. H. Brown, A. J. Groves, W. L. Loy, N. B. Johnson, W. F. Elliott, W. C. Cotton, W. F. Keeler, Mr. Hodges, A. C. Thompson, A. R. Bell, G. L. Reynolds, and the present pastor, W. H. Brady.

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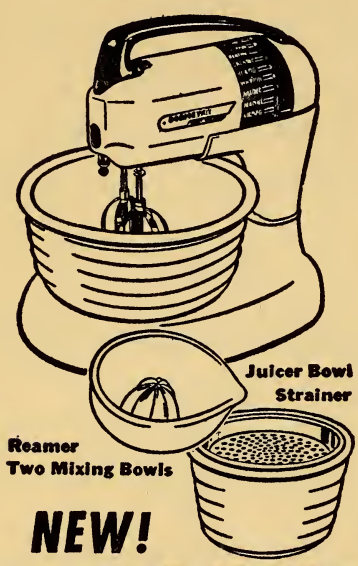

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